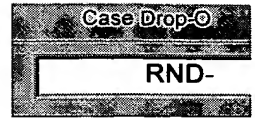


T.D. INFORMAL MEMO: DO NOT MAIL THIS MEMO TO APPLICANT

DATE: 23-May-05APPL. S.N.: 09/384,088TO: EXAMINER CHANNAVAJJALA, SRIRAMA T.ART UNIT: 2166FROM: VINES, Y.
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SUBJECT: Decision on Terminal Disclaimer (T.D.) filed: 18-Mar-05

INSTRUCTIONS: I have reviewed the submitted T.D. with the results as set forth below. If you agree, please use the appropriate form paragraphs identified by this informal memo in your next Office action to notify applicant of the T.D. If you disagree or have any questions, please see me or the Special Program Examiner. THIS IS AN INFORMAL, INTERNAL MEMO ONLY. IT MUST NOT BE (1) MAILED TO APPLICANT OR (2) PLACED OF RECORD IN THE APPLICATION FILE. When your action is complete, please initial, date and return this memo to me. THANK YOU.

- ☒ The T.D. is PROPER and has been recorded (see ¶ 14.23).
- ☐ The T.D. is NOT PROPER and has not been accepted for the reason(s) checked below (see ¶ 14.24):
- ☐ The TD fee of has not been submitted nor is there any authorization in the application file for the use of a deposit account (see ¶ 14.26.07).
 - ☐ The T.D. does not satisfy Rule 321 in that the person who has signed the T.D. has not stated the extent of his/her interest (and/or the extent of the interest of the business entity represented by the signature) in the application/patent (see ¶ ¶ 14.26 & 14.26.01).
 - ☐ The T.D. lacks the enforceable only during common ownership clause – needed to overcome a non-statutory double patenting rejection, Rule 321(b) (see ¶ 14.27.01).
 - ☐ The T.D. is directed to a particular claim(s), which is not acceptable since “the disclaimer must be for a terminal portion of the term of the entire patent to be granted” (MPEP 1490) (see ¶ ¶ 14.26 & 14.26.02).
 - ☐ The person who signed the T.D.:
 - ☐ is not an attorney “of record” (see ¶ ¶ 14.29 and 14.29.01).
 - ☐ has failed to state his/her capacity to sign for the business entity (see ¶ 14.28).
 - ☐ is not recognized as an officer of the assignee (see ¶ ¶ 14.29 & possible 14.29.02).
 - ☐ No documentary evidence of a chain of title from the original inventor(s) to assignee has been submitted, nor is the reel and frame number specified as to where such evidence is recorded in the Office (see 37 CFR 3.73(b) and 1140 O.G. 72). NOTE: This documentary evidence or the specifying of the reel and frame number may be found in the T.D. or in a separate paper of record in the application (see ¶ 14.30).
 - ☐ The T.D. is not signed (see ¶ ¶ 14.26 & 14.26.03).
 - ☐ The serial number of the application (or the number of the patent) which forms the basis for the double patenting rejection is missing or incorrect (see ¶ 14.32).
 - ☐ The serial number of this application (or the number of the patent in reexam or reissue cases being disclaimed is missing or incorrect (see ¶ ¶ 14.26, 14.27.02 or 14.26.05).
 - ☐ The period disclaimed is incorrect or not specified (see ¶ ¶ 14.26, 14.27.02 or 14.26.03).
 - ☐ Other:
 - ☐ Suggestion to request refund (see ¶ 14.36). NOTE: If already authorized, credit refund to deposit account and do not check this item.

I have appropriately notified applicant(s) of the status of the Terminal Disclaimer filed in this case.

Ex. Initials: _____ Date: _____

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In re PATENT APPLICATION of

Inventor(s): Brendan P. MURRAY et al.

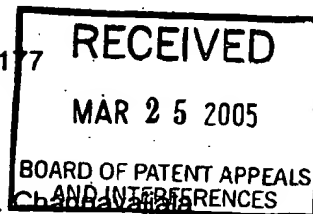
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Filed: August 27, 1999

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(By Attorney)

Re Double-Patenting Rejection

Technology Center 2100

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PO Box 1450
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Sir:

The undersigned petitioner, an attorney of record, is hereby acting for the undernamed entity which is the 100% owner of all rights, title and interests in and to the subject application:

1. ☐ by virtue of being the inventor(s) and having not assigned this application
2. ☒ as shown by the Assignment recorded December 16, 1999 on Reel 010449 at Frame 0049
(date)
3. ☐ as shown by the attached copy of the Assignment filed for recordal on _____
(date)
4. ☐ and, if the assignor in that Assignment is not the original owner (inventor(s)), the chain of title from the original owner to that Assignment as recorded on Reel _____ at Frame _____
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and hereby disclaims (except as provided below) the terminal part of the statutory term of any patent granted on the subject application, which would extend beyond the expiration date of the full statutory term defined in 35 U.S.C. 154 to 156 and 173, as presently shortened (if at all) by any terminal disclaimer of:

5. ☒ any patents granted in regard to U.S. Applications 09/384,371, all August 27,
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6. ☒ the earlier granted United States Patents 6,539,118, 6,718,519, 6,760,887,
Nos. and 6,813,747

to which said entity also has legal title. Petitioner hereby reserves the right to extend the term of the patent, which issues on this application, for regulatory delay or otherwise as the law allows. Petitioner hereby agrees that any patent so granted on the subject application shall be enforceable only for and during such

period that it and the patents in the above lines numbered 5 and 6 are commonly owned. This agreement runs with any patent granted on the subject application and is binding upon the grantee, its successors or assigns.

In making the above disclaimer, petitioner does not disclaim the terminal part of any patent granted on the instant application that would extend to the expiration date of the full statutory term as defined in 35 U.S.C. 154 to 156 and 173 of the patents in lines numbered 5 and 6 above, as presently shortened by any terminal disclaimer, of the above-listed patent in the event that it later: expires for failure to pay a maintenance fee, is held unenforceable, is found invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, is statutorily disclaimed in whole or terminally disclaimed under 37 CFR 1.321, has all claims canceled by a reexamination certificate, is reissued, or is otherwise terminated prior to the expiration of its full statutory term as presently shortened by any terminal disclaimer.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Entity: International Business Machines Corporation

Atty. Sig.



Attorney of Record:

Name: Sean L. Ingram

Reg. No.: 48,283

Date: March 18, 2005

- ☒ Terminal disclaimer fee under 37 CFR 1.20(d) is charged on the accompanying cover sheet (PAT-120). Should it be missing or inadequate, please charge our Deposit Account No. 03-3975 under Order No. 042846/0312830.

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